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Rockville, MD 20852



Ms. Nora Cousens
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Dear Commissioner Henney,

In March you received letters from over 50 family farms and many environmental consumer groups demanding the development of a thorough premarket and environmental testing regime for genetically engineered foods and mandatory labeling of such foods. We are writing for the submission to the official rule making docket (#OOP-1211/CPI) in support of that action.

We have an absolute right to know what is in the food that we are purchasing, as well as how it was produced. Scientists and doctors have warned that these crops may have unexpected side-effects in the diet and the environment. There is no evidence that these foods are safe in the long run.

We would appreciate hearing from you the actions you are undertaking to safeguard our food and the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nora Cousens".

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